Mutual understanding between India and China

1894. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-China have common interests but on the other hand have little mutual understandings;

(b) whether visit of the Chinese premier scheduled in November could materialise; and

(c) if so, whether it would change the Chinese mindset and increase the mutual understanding between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) (a) Government of India is committed to the development of friendly and good neighbourly relations with China on basis of the principles of Panchseel and mutual sensitivity to each other's concerns.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The visit was postponed at the request of the Chinese side. The Chinese Premier is now expected to visit India early next year. Regular high level political exchanges between India and China are an important element in the process of the further development of bilateral relations.

Arrangements for Indians stranded in Pakistan

1895. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any arrangement for travel of Indian Nationals who are stranded in Pakistan after fleeing from Afghanistan following US attacks;

(b) the points on Indo-Pak border where these arrangements have been made; and

(c) the number of such Indian nationals who have come to India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) (a) As per available information, no Indian National is stranded in Pakistan after fleeing from Afghanistan following U.S. attacks.